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CIVIL WAR
HERO IS
DEADGENERAL O. O. HOWARD EXPIRES
SUDDENLY OF HEART
FAILURE

FAMOUS UNION OFFICER

WITH SHERMAN, HE PLANNED
AND EXECUTED GREAT
MARCH TO THE SEA

AN AUTHOR AND LECTURER

WAS AT ONE TIME COMMISSION-
ER TO INDIANS OF ARIZONA
AND NEW MEXICO

Burlington, Vt., Oct. 27.—General Oliver O. Howard, last of the union commanders of the civil war, died at his home here last night of heart disease. He was seventy-nine years old.

Last week General Howard was in Ontario delivering his lecture on "Abraham Lincoln." His last public appearance was at London on Sunday night. On Monday he returned to his home here and was apparently in his usual good health. Last night he was attacked by heart trouble and was dead before a physician could reach the house.

Including General Howard's services in the Indian wars, he probably was in more engagements than any other officer in the United States army.

Hero of Many Battles

General Oliver Otis Howard was a native of Leeds, Me., where he was born November 8, 1830. He was graduated at Bowdoin college in 1850, and at the United States military academy in 1854. Upon his graduation he became first lieutenant and instructor in mathematics at the academy.

When Fort Sumter was fired upon, he raised a Maine regiment, and commanded a brigade at the opening of the war at Bull Run. Forming the rear guard, his line turned back the Confederate cavalry and saved Washington. For gallantry in that engagement he was made brigadier general of volunteers. He was twice wounded at the battle of Fair Oaks, losing his arm on June 1, 1862, and consequently he was on sick leave for six months. He was engaged in recruiting service until September of that year, when he participated in the battle of Antietam, and afterward took General John Sedgwick's division in the second corps.

In November he became major-general of volunteers. He commanded the Eleventh corps during General Joseph Hooker's operations in the vicinity of Fredericksburg, May 2, 1863; served bravely at Gettysburg, Lookout Valley and Missionary Ridge, and was on the expedition for the relief of Knoxville in 1863.

Commanded at Gettysburg

By the death of General Reynolds, on the first day of the battle of Gettysburg, he was left to the sole command of the two army corps from 9 a. m. to 4:30 p. m. His force captured 4,000 prisoners and four Confederate generals, and when his force had been reduced from 30,000 to 20,000 men, he successfully repelled more than twice that number of General Lee's veterans. For this he received the thanks of congress. On the second day of Gettysburg he thrice asked General Meade to plant batteries on Little Round Top, the delay to do which was so nearly fatal to the union army. General Howard com-

manded the artillery at the Cemetery, and for three nights he slept with his head pillowed on a grave.

From December, 1863, until July, 1864, General Howard was in occupation of Chattanooga. Then at the suggestion of Generals Grant and Sherman, he was assigned to the army of the Tennessee in the invasion of Georgia. He and General Sherman, occupying the same tent, planned and executed the great march to the sea. Howard commanded the right wing. He was engaged at Dalton, Resaca, Adamsville and Pickett's Mill, where he was again wounded. He was at the surrender of Atlanta and joined in the pursuit of the Confederates in Alabama, under General John B. Hood, from October 4 until December 14, 1864.

An Indian Fighter

He became brigadier general in the United States army December 21, 1864. He was subsequently employed in all the important battles until April 26, 1865. In March of that year he was breveted major general for gallantry at the battle of Ezra church and the campaigns against Atlanta.

In May, 1865, he was placed at the head of the Freedmen's Bureau, his duties lasting until 1874, when he was assigned to the department of Columbia. In 1877 he led the expedition against the Nez Perce Indians, and in 1878 he led the campaign against the Bannocks and Plutes.

In 1881-2 General Howard was superintendent of the United States Military academy, and in 1886 was commissioned major general and given command of the division of the Pacific. A few years later he was transferred to the command of the Atlantic department and on November 8, 1894, he was retired from active service by the operation of the age limit.

During the years following his retirement General Howard gave much of his time and attention to the subject of negro education. He was the founder of the Lincoln Memorial University at Cumberland Gap, Tenn., and a warm friend of the school at Manassas and other institutions for the uplifting of the negro. He was also active in the temperance movement and other Christian work.

Bowdoin College bestowed upon General Howard the degree of A. M. in 1883; Waterville College, LL. D. in 1885; Shurtleff College, the same, in 1885; and Gettysburg Theological Seminary in 1886. In 1884 he was made chevalier of the Legion of Honor by the French government.

General Howard wrote extensively for magazines and published two books, "Donald's School Days" (1874) and "Chief Joseph, or the Nez Perce in Peace and War" (1881).

In 1872 General Howard was commissioner to the Indians of New Mexico and Arizona.

FARM HAND CONFESSES
TO TRIPLE MURDER

Kansas City, Oct. 27.—James McMahon, the Kansas farm hand who confessed yesterday to the murder of his sisters, Rose McMahon, and Mrs. Alonzo Van Royen and Alonzo Van Royen last Tuesday, was taken to the state penitentiary at Lansing, Kansas, last night to prevent a lynching by enraged farmers. McMahon, who takes the sole responsibility for the shocking crime, exculpates his brother, Patrick, and Patrick Lamb, farm hands, who were also held. The murder was the result of a family feud, says McMahon, and was planned for months.

NICARAGUAN MINISTER
TO U. S. RESIGNS

Washington, Oct. 27.—Senor Dr. Don Rodolfo Espinosa, minister from Nicaragua to the United States, has resigned. His resignation followed the discovery by Dr. Espinosa that his younger brother, Amello Espinosa, is acting as general minister of the revolutionists.

CUBAN OFFICIALS HAND
IN THEIR RESIGNATIONS

Havana, Oct. 27.—President Gomez today accepted the resignations of Secretary of State Valdez and Secretary of Sanitation Dr. Duquo, who have been on the verge of a duel over the conduct of the department of sanitation. A court of honor decided a duel was not necessary.

TENNESSEE
HONORS
TAFTTHE PRESIDENT SPENT TODAY
IN THE SOUTHERN
METROPOLIS

DEDICATES NEW Y. M. C. A

DESPITE POOR CONDITION OF
VOICE, HE DELIVERED AN
ADDRESS

GUEST OF THE GOVERNORS

LAST NIGHT ATTENDED BAN-
QUET ON BOARD STEAMBOAT
ST. PAUL

Memphis, Oct. 27.—The presidential river fleet, headed by the flagship Oleander, swept up to the wharf here at 11 o'clock today and the president was given a true southern greeting by the thousands who had assembled on the water front to meet him. The fleet was delayed during the night by low water and was several hours late. After a brief address of welcome by Mayor Malone at the dock, the president was taken through the streets to the new Y. M. C. A. building which was dedicated by the president.

Delivers an Address

Mr. Taft was then driven to the auditorium, where after a formal welcome in behalf of the state of Tennessee from Governor Patterson, the president again reiterated his position on improvement of inland waterways. His voice was still husky and weak but he consumed the full time allotted for the address.

At 3 o'clock this afternoon the fleet again steamed down the Mississippi and the water front where De Soto said he first saw the Mississippi river.

The next stop will be at Helena, Ark., where the fleet is due to arrive tonight.

Guest at Banquet

At a dinner given in his honor aboard the steamboat St. Paul by the governors last night, President Taft made an address in which he sought to encourage further the policy of the states in co-operating with the federal government. The president dwelt on the fact that the federal government is unable by reason of the constitution to act on many questions common to all states and therefore he must have the co-operation of the states in a uniform policy which will unite both powers. He urged a meeting of all governors in Washington each winter and announced that the latch string of the White House would be out for all governors on the occasion of such gatherings.

BODY OF ANTONIO GONZALES
BROUGHT HOME FOR BURIAL

The body of Antonio J. Gonzales, who was accidentally electrocuted by a live wire in Albuquerque yesterday afternoon, where he was in the employ of the Albuquerque electric light company, reached Las Vegas, the home city of the young man, this afternoon at 2 o'clock, a concourse of sorrowing friends and relatives being at the depot to meet it.

The deceased is the son of Filomeno Gonzales, a respected citizen of this city. His mother is dead, but he is survived by a step-mother and a married sister, Mrs. Tito Garcia, besides his father.

The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock from the East side Catholic church, with burial in Mt. Calvary cemetery.

Details of Accident

The following details of the accident, which resulted in the accidental death of Gonzales, were given in the Albuquerque Morning Journal of today:

"To have an electric current of approximately 4,500 volts pass through his body, to be pitched headlong from the top of a thirty-five foot pole, and to sustain a fractured skull and a broken spinal column, was the sad fate which befell Antonio J. Gonzales, an employe of the Albuquerque Electric Light, Gas and Power company shortly after 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Either the electric current, the fractured skull or the broken neck would have resulted in Gonzales' death, and according to Dr. J. W. Elder, who made the examination of the man shortly after the accident, Gonzales died instantly after the electric current struck him.

MRS. ASTOR
SUES FOR
DIVORCEACTION OF NEW YORK'S SOCIAL
LEADER SHOCKS
"400."

GROUNDS ARE UNKNOWN

ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF AND
DEFENDANT SUPPRESS
DETAILS.

HUSBAND NOW IN CUBA

REFEREE BEGINS THE TAKING
OF TESTIMONY IN SENSA-
TIONAL SUIT.

New York, Oct. 27.—It is understood that hearings have already been begun before Charles H. Young, referee, in the divorce action brought by Mrs. John Jacob Astor against her husband, John Jacob Astor. The attorneys on both sides refuse to give any information concerning the suit.

Mrs. Astor returned from Europe on October 15. She traveled incognito. Mr. Astor is now on his yacht, the Nourmahal, in Cuban waters, having sailed on October 12, three days before his wife's arrival home.

Mrs. Astor did not go to her recently remodeled city mansion at Fifth avenue and Sixty-fifth street, nor to her beautiful country seat at Rhinebeck. She went to the home of her devoted friends, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Guinness, No. 20 Washington Square West. She left there Sunday morning to visit friends in the country.

Mr. Astor's attorney in the proceedings is Lewis Cass Ledyard, who was the law partner of the late leader of the bar, James C. Carter.

There is no other family in New York whose disagreement could cause such genuine regret in the social as well as in the business world. Both Mrs. Astor and her husband, besides the rights as members of two famous families in America, have won personal distinction in many fields.

The present head of the renowned house of Astor, as financier, inventor, soldier and sportsman holds a lofty position in the respect of the public as well as of his friends.

His wife, who succeeded the late Mrs. William Astor as recognized leader of New York society, has won, besides the social triumphs of England and America, an enviable reputation for her wise charities and her persistent philanthropic efforts.

With a firm, though gentle hand she has upheld the standards of society in accordance with her own high ideals. And although the king of

England has been her guest at her London home in Mayfair, although the flower of the British nobility has welcomed her with honors, she has always found time to devote her trust efforts to the care of her own home and of her children.

Her son, William Vincent Astor, is now seventeen years old, and her little daughter Alice is seven.

A Philadelphian by birth, she was Miss Alice Alva L. Willing, a daughter of Edward S. Willing, and a descendant of the Willings and Burtons, who were prominent in early American history.

She was married to John Jacob Astor on February 17, 1891. She is a typical American woman, but exceptional in beauty. Tall, regal and willowy, her movements are marked by unusual grace. Her manner is gentle and charming. Seen in one of her wonderful Paris creations, which she is said never to wear twice, she is a figure never to be forgotten. The soft brown of her hair is sprinkled with silver now, a curious contrast to the fresh, rosy oval face that still seems glowing with youth.

She has made it a custom to spend a part of each year abroad and has achieved as much fame as a hostess there as here. Her last large affair in London was in June of last year, when she was attended by the most distinguished personages in England.

WILL NOT EFFECT
JAPAN'S ATTITUDE

Tokio, Oct. 27.—The foreign office issued a statement today, saying that Japan's policy toward Korea would be unchanged by the assassination of Prince Ito and that it would remain the same as that inaugurated and desired by the dead statesman. The statement was called forth by the demand of sensational newspapers for the immediate annexation of Korea.

Rejoice at Ito's Death

Honolulu, Oct. 27.—The Korean Patriotic League has issued a circular expressing satisfaction over the assassination of Prince Ito and stating that now is the time for Korea to secure her independence. The statement says Ito's crimes and trickery were unpardonable and his death a fitting reward for Japan's theft of the country. It also says the name of the Korean assassin will be written in honor forever as an example of patriotism before twenty millions of slumbering people.

Taft Extends Sympathy

Washington, Oct. 27.—U. S. Ambassador O'Brien at Tokio has been instructed by the state department to convey to the emperor of Japan the condolences of President Taft and the American government upon the great loss to Japan in the death of Prince Ito.

DRY FARMING CONGRESS
TO CHANGE ITS NAME

Billings, Mont., Oct. 27.—Ignoring the report of the executive committee of the Dry Farming congress, which is holding its fourth annual session in this city, that body today by a vote of 372 to 146 voted to change the name of the organization on the ground that its present name was misleading and therefore unsuitable. The fight to change the name of the congress was very marked.

New officers were elected today as follows: Congressman F. W. Mondell, of Wyoming, president; H. B. Hening, secretary of the bureau of immigration of New Mexico, vice president, and G. A. Martin, of Texas; J. D. Tinsley, of New Mexico; J. D. Tower, of Wyoming, and W. H. Olin, of Colorado, members of the executive committee.

Spokane and Colorado Springs are the leading candidates for the meeting of the next congress.

DEATH CLAIMS JOHN
JELFS, RATON BANKER

Raton, N. M., Oct. 27.—John Jelfs, vice president of the First National bank of this city, and a pioneer of northeastern New Mexico, is dead here. He succumbed to pneumonia after a brief illness. The widow and four children survive. The funeral will be held upon the arrival here of a son, Harry Jelfs, from Mexico City.

NEW YORK NEWSPAPER MAN
RACE IN RACE AGAINST DEATH

A race against death from Las Vegas to New York was begun at 11:50 o'clock last night, when Robert Colvin, scion of a wealthy New York family and himself a member of the editorial staff of the New York American, W. R. Hearst's great newspaper, boarded the eastbound limited.

Accompanying the dying man on his last earthly journey, was Harry Colvin, a brother who has been constantly at the sick man's bedside here at Las Vegas hospital for a week past, and his sister, who arrived here a few days ago. A trained nurse was also a member of the party, which occupied a stateroom in the observation car attached to the limited.

When attending physicians announced that the young man had but

THIRTY-FOUR
LOST AT
SEABLUNDER OF PILOT SENDS A
STEAMER TO THE BOT-
TOM

SIX OF CREW RESCUED

LIFE SAVERS AFTER HEROIC EF-
FORTS MANAGE TO SAVE
THEM

FAIL TO RECOVER BODIES

MARINE HORROR OCCURS OFF
NEWFOUNDLAND COAST
DURING GALE

Eastport, Me., Oct. 27.—In the opinion of the survivors of the wrecked steamer Hestia, of the Donaldson line, which went down off Grand Manan island yesterday, thirty-four members of the crew were lost. The search for the bodies of the victims has so far been unavailing and it is possible they may never be recovered.

In an effort to finally determine the fate of the crew of the steamer, many days spent today searching the surrounding waters. Six men who clung to the wreckage were rescued after heroic efforts by life savers. Those lost put off in small boats which were undoubtedly capsized, as the sea was very rough.

A heavy northeasterly gale is believed to have been responsible for the Hestia's fate, although it is supposed that a mistake of the man at the wheel in believing he had picked up Grand rock light while really discerning the gleams of the lighthouse on Machias Seal island, several miles southwest, carried the ship many miles off her course.

The sailors of the middle watch had been out of their bunks an hour and all others connected with the navigation were stowed in bunks or hammocks when the crash came an hour after midnight.

NATIONAL CONSERVATION
COMMISSION BEGINS WORK

New York, Oct. 27.—With the opening today of offices here by the National Conservation association, a systematic movement to appeal to the people for concerted action in preserving the natural resources of the country was launched. This association, under the leadership of Charles W. Eliot, former president of Harvard university, will advocate administrative measures by states and the federal government in accordance with the conservation principles adopted by the governors of the various states and territories in conference with President Roosevelt in 1908. President Taft is a strong backer of the association, which in addition to the conservation for water, mineral land and power rights, declares it favors legislation promoting the diminution of sickness, preventing accidental premature death and the increase of the comforts of American life.

REWARD OF \$10,000 IS
OFFERED FOR DYNAMITERS

Indianapolis, Oct. 27.—No arrests have yet been made for the dynamiting of several buildings here Sunday night. The merchants are raising a fund of \$10,000 for a reward and the Building Trades Council and the Central Labor Union each offer a small reward. The Building Trades Council charges the dynamiting was done by non-union iron workers.

WOMAN IS THROWN FROM
HORSE AND SERIOUSLY HURT

Mrs. George Moore was painfully if not seriously injured this morning between 9 and 10 o'clock by being thrown from a horse in front of her residence on Third street.

Mrs. Moore, who had an engagement for a morning gallop with Mrs. J. M. Kurn, wife of the division superintendent of the Santa Fe railway, and Mrs. Fred Smith, was attempting to mount the horse of Mr. Kurn, a usually gentle, but spirited animal, when the horse became frightened from some unknown cause and plunged.

Although she managed to get into the saddle, Mrs. Moore lost control of the animal which began pitching like an untamed bronco and in almost less time than it takes to tell, had succeeded in throwing Mrs. Moore, who was

pitched over the animal's head into the street.

Although no bones were broken, so far as known, the victim sustained some very painful bruises and a severe jolting that may have caused internal injuries. The physician attending has not yet been able to ascertain the full extent of her injuries.

Under the circumstances it is considered extremely fortunate that Mrs. Moore was not killed.

W. C. T. U. CONVENTION
FINISHES ITS SESSIONS

Omaha, Oct. 27.—The closing day of the W. C. T. U. convention was devoted to the reports of organizers and superintendents.